



## Session Highlights

1 Peter 5:1-4 - *Shepherd the Flock of God*

<sup>1</sup>So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: <sup>2</sup>shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup>not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

### Greetings Bethel Church family and friends!

Take a moment and pray for the elders of the church (including our Elder Emeriti and those that have been nominated to be trained, examined, and approved for election later this year). Ask God to grant them wisdom, discernment, and the favor of the congregation. Plead with the Lord for their families and the ongoing spiritual war they face. Pray that God's will would be done here and that He would be glorified.

### Now, for some Session highlights:

The Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church met 3 times since my last update - Sunday, February 5, 2026 (called meeting), February 8, 2026 (stated meeting with the diaconate) and March 8, 2026 (stated meeting). There was also a called Fellowship Presbytery meeting February 17, 2026, at Redeeming Grace PCA.

### The Session received the following reports from February and March:

Ethan Wallace, Deacon Chairman and Ken Long, Treasurer - Deacons' report and review of the minutes, review of the financial reports dated January 31, 2026 and February 28, 2026.

Elder shepherding activity - RE Chris Wallace, RE Bob Love, RE Bill Johnson and RE Steve Linder. Each Ruling Elder at Bethel has a list of members to shepherd (if you are a member, you have a shepherding elder).

Ministry reports from Assistant Pastor TE Mark Kozak, Ministry Intern Isak Siemens and Young Adult Ministry Intern Matthew Clay.

Senior Pastor Report from TE Chris Donnelly.

RE Bob Love provided a report on the Stated Fellowship Presbytery meeting held January 24, 2026, at Trinity Van Wyck.

RE Calvin Reese provided a report on the Called Fellowship Presbytery meeting held February 17, 2026, at Redeeming Grace PCA.

RE Neil Allen provided a report on the Phase 2 Building project. Windows are installed, front porch is taking shape with concrete poured, as well as half of the interior ramp concrete has been

poured. Electrical, HVAC, plumbing continues to be the focus as of the writing of these highlights. We are working with Carmel to improve our water quality and pressure.

### The Session approved the following events:

Approved a youth service trip to be led by RE Ross Love, DN Adam Coble, and Intern Isak Siemens scheduled for March 20-22, 2026.

Approved TE Chris Donnelly to begin a new members class on March 1, 2026 and a Communicants Class on May 17, 2026.

### The Session approved these other items of church business:

Approved, that whereas the finance committee understands the Jackson Estate to have been established for use as a fund for permanent buildings (including structures, parking, etc.), the finance committee recommends, that once current building fund monies are fully utilized, that we permanently move \$196,762.61 to the building fund to be utilized for Phase II and Phase III project costs, thereby fulfilling Mr. James G. Jackson Jr.'s request; also, the balance of the \$256,652.69 Jackson Estate (\$59,890.08) should be maintained by Bethel to be used as an emergency fund (along with the Pursley estate monies), which, when utilized, must be repaid.

Approved using Emerald Crossing VBS Curricula from Answers in Genesis for 2026 VBS.

Approved receiving the 2025 Bethel Presbyterian Church, PCA History as prepared by Helen Grant.

A motion was made, seconded and approved - ***Be it resolved that we the Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church thank Cary and Helen Grant for their decades of faithful service to Bethel Church, as church historians.***

Approved naming RE Chris Wallace and RE Ross Love as Bethel representatives to the 2026 PCA General Assembly in Louisville, KY.

Approved, having been properly nominated, Neil Allen, Chris Wallace, Chris Griesman, and Seth Neely for training as ruling elders.

Approved, having been properly nominated, Tom Chidester and Tom Cuffman for training as deacons.

Approved Ministry Intern Matthew Clay exhorting the congregation during morning worship on Sunday, March 22, 2026.

Approved naming James Thomas Jackson as Elder Emeritus per BCO 24-10 effective March 8, 2026, granted in recognition of long and faithful service to Bethel Presbyterian Church.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to your shepherding elder if there are any questions, concerns, and most importantly any prayer requests.

In The Lamb,  
Neil Allen - Clerk of Session

this week

Sunday's sermon: *Transformation unto Obedience*

Romans 12:1-2

## events

Girls Discipleship Group  
3/22 at 4:00 pm

Youth  
3/22 at 5:00 pm

GriefShare  
3/24 at 1:00 pm

Men's Bible Study  
3/25 at 6:00 am

Senior Citizens Lunch  
3/25 at 12:00 pm

Mentors & Moms  
3/26 at 9:30 am

## volunteer schedule

Infant Nursery  
Sheridan & Carter Miller  
and Trinna Meek

Toddler Nursery  
Jessica McCullan  
and Kim Britt

Worship Training  
Johna Griesman and  
Cullie Mounts